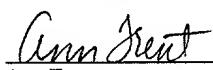


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: Docket No: TI-27725.2  
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Serial No: To be Assigned Examiner: TBD  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above identified application, Applicants respectfully  
submit the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 1-41 and 45-55.

**REMARKS**

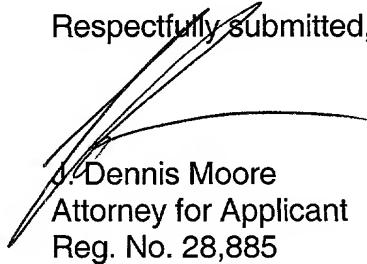
Claims 42-44 remain in the application for consideration by the Examiner.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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